

Ipswich Open Space Committee

Minutes of meeting of January 25, 2016

Present: Will Holton, Ralph Williams, Wayne Castonguay, David Feldman, Kate Hone, Michelle Vaillancourt, Casey Wright

Absent: Andy Brengle

Also present: Larry Eliot, Ed Monnelly, Carolyn Britt, Cathy Chadwick, Dave Standley

The meeting convened at 7:32 PM

1. There were no Citizen Queries.
2. The minutes from the December meeting were amended. Ralph moved to accept the December minutes as amended, seconded by David; unanimous.
3. Michelle presented her monthly report and asked the committee for content ideas going forward. She said the job was busier than expected in terms of project activity. She looks forward to the committee help in guiding her focus as she gets up to speed on the parcels and priorities.
4. The committee reviewed the overall bond parcel list and discussed the various prioritization schemes that have been used by the committee over the years.
5. Additional items not on the agenda were proposed and discussed as follows:
 - There are a couple of additional considerations for Open Space preservation:
 - Green Burial space – Carolyn Britt will provide background to Michelle
 - Climate Resiliency
 - Planning Board needs to put together list of tracts that will be affected by Climate Change and present at Town Meeting
 - Planning Board is updating the Community Development Plan, but is not (as well as we know) taking into consideration the effects of Climate Change and the positive economic impact of Open Space
 - It was determined that ALL voting members need to complete the conflict of interest course and turn in the proof to Jen Breaker
6. The committee voted to go into executive session by roll call vote at 8:15 and came out at 10:02

At 10:02PM, David moved to adjourn, seconded by Will; unanimous.